

Finance Committee Meeting March 30th, 2022, 7:00 PM EST
Veterans Memorial Building – Room #229
Millis, MA 02054

In Attendance:

Peter Berube-Chair
Jodie Garzon-Vice Chair
Peter Underhill- Clerk
Joyce Boiardi
Jim Borgman
Cathy MacInnes
John Steadman
Sara Reyes

Chair Peter Berube called the Finance Committee to order at 7:00pm

M. Guzinski K. Bouret DeMarzo- Town Buildings

- The updated town budget documents were presented. These have been reviewed by the Select Board but not voted upon yet.
- The town buildings will coordinate with the School Department for town building maintenance.
 - This will save town buildings \$120,000 while increasing the school budget by \$130,000.
 - For a \$10,000 increase this will open up town buildings to the pool of school maintenance staff, as well as having sick/vacation time coverage that doesn't exist under the current plan

C. MacInnes Presented Citizens Petitions

- The petitions would create 3 elected positions to control the water and sewer business in Millis
- Millis water is PFAS free, lower than most in the state or the nation, and is the envy of our municipal neighbors
- These positions would free up the Select Board to work on other important matters
- There were some worker positions that were found to be funded improperly by water and sewer funds, which were corrected. The Select Board worked hard to straighten this out

- C. MacInness believes there is administrative work being billed improperly to water and sewer funds (incorrect percentage)
- This was not brought up or considered by the recent Charter Review Committee
- The Commissioners would set water and sewer rates, pay the bills associated with the water and sewer work, and the workers would work directly for the Commissioners
- The proposed positions would not have authority over the stormwater enterprise funds

N. Riley Planning Board Bylaw Changes

- Draft article 23 would change the responsibilities of the associate member to include approval of site plans. This would be a more efficient use of the Boards membership, and the added responsibilities is at a lower level than the current responsibilities
- Draft article 24 is to correct a mistake in the current building regulations. There are 2 commercial areas, IP-1 and IP-2. Under the current regulations there are no height or area restrictions for buildings in IP-2. This bylaw change would correct that mistake by combining the restrictions to cover both IP-1 and IP-2

Chair Peter Breube reviewed draft warrant article assignments, and asked the members assigned each article to send him a 2-sentence synopsis by April 11th

The discussion comments about the pros and cons of the articles will be due at a later date prior to pre-town meeting

Vice Chair Jodie Garzon moved to adjourn; John Steadman seconded.

- Peter Berube- aye, Joyce Boiardi- aye, Jim Borgman-aye, Jodie Garzon-aye, Cathy MacInnes- aye, John Steadman- aye, Sara Reyes-aye, Peter Underhill- aye.
 - Motion carries unanimously
 - Meeting is adjourned

